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SUBJ: SHCHERBITSKY AND MAZUROV SPEECHES IN
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1. COMPARISON OF ABBREVIATED PRE-ELECTION SPEECHES
BY SHCHERBITSKY AND MAZUROV WITH FULL TEXTS DEMONSTRATES
SANITIZING OF LEADERSHIP REMARKS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TO LOCAL AUDIENCES, BUT NOT TO SAME EXTENT AS IN
DEMICHEV SPEECH.

2. IN SHORTER CENTRAL PRESS VERSION (JUNE 7), SHCHERBITSKY
SPEAKS OF TREND TOWARD DETENTE AS "DOMINATING
CHARACTERISTIC" OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
FULL TEXT (PRAVDA UKRAINA, JUNE 7) ALSO CONTAINS THIS
REFERENCE, AND IN FACT FLESHES IT OUT BY CITING A FEW
EXAMPLES SUCH AS EAST-WEST TALKS, IMPROVED SOVIET-
AMERICAN RELATIONS AND "FIRST STEPS" TOWARD PEACE IN
MIDDLE EAST. FULL VERSION ALSO CONTAINS, HOWEVER,
EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ILLS IN
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WEST, INFLATION IN U.S. AND INABILITY OF WESTERN

GOVERNMENTS TO COPE WITH MOUNTING PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, FULL TEXT IDENTIFIES U.S. AS ONE OF "BASIC CENTERS OF IMPERIALISM". AFTER DISCUSSION OF OPPONENTS OF DETENTE, ALSO CONTAINED IN SHORTENED TEXT, FULL TEXT ADDS THAT SOVIET ARMED FORCES ARE ON GUARED TO PROTECT PEACEFUL LABOR OF SOVIET PEOPLE AND TO ACCOMPLISH "PATRIOTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DUTIES."

3. IN BOTH VERSIONS OF MAZUROV SPEECH (CENTRAL PRESS AND SOVIETSKAYA BYELORUSSIYA, JUNE 8) HE TAKES GENERALLY HARDER LINE THAN SHCHERBITSKY. HE SPEAKS OF SHARP IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE, ATTEMPTS OF WESTERN REACTIONARIES TO UNDERMINE SOCIALISM, AND OF NEED TO GIVE HARSH REBUFF TO IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION. IN ABBREVIATED VERSION HE SPEAKS OF "MAJOR POSITIVE SHIFTS" IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THIS IS BACKED UP BY EXAMPLES IN FULL TEXT, BUT GENERAL TONE OF FULL SPEECH IS STRIDENT. OMITTED FROM CENTRAL PRESS VERSION ARE REFERENCES TO PROBLEMS IN WEST, IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION, CALL FOR GREATER VIGILANCE AND LONG SECTION CONDEMNING MAOISTS AND LINKING THEM TO WESTERN FORCES OPPOSING DETENTE. STOESEL

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